

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Considering the Agricultural Bureau.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLY

Senate and House Adjourns Early. Respect for J. T. Waterhouse—The Kaula Pension—Discussing the Wash House Bill—Robertson Objects.

TUESDAY, March 3.

The Tuesday morning session of the Senate continued just long enough for several committees to render reports upon items in the appropriation bill. There was barely a quorum present and President Wilder being among the absentees, Vice-President Kaula was in the chair for the first time during the session.

The translation of the President's message was received.

Senator Baldwin reported from the Committee on Agriculture as follows:

HONOLULU, March 2, 1896.

HON. W. C. WILDER, President of the Senate.

SIR:—Your Committee on "Commerce and Agriculture" to whom was referred the item in the Appropriation Bill under the heading "Forests and Nurseries," beg leave to report that we have had the same under careful consideration. The items under this heading are as follows:

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| Pay of Commissioner..... | \$ 4800 |
| Pay of Professor Koebele..... | 5000 |
| Pay of Gardner, Nursery..... | 2040 |
| Pay of Laborers, Makiki..... | 1800 |
| Pay of Forester, Makiki..... | 1800 |
| Pay of Laborers, Nursery..... | 1080 |

Making an aggregate of.....\$16,520

Your committee interviewed Mr. Marsden, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and also Professor Koebele, relative to the work that has been accomplished in this branch of the Government and the plans for the present biennial period.

The report of this bureau which undoubtedly gives fully an account of their work, is in the hands of the printer and will not come into the Senate for distribution before the appropriation for the bureau will come up for consideration. We will therefore give briefly an outline of the work accomplished.

Mr. Marsden, as Commissioner of Agriculture, has charge of the old Government nursery, and a new nursery in Makiki valley where they are trying all kinds of foreign tropical fruits. He also has charge of the Makiki forests above Punchbowl. We are told that he has imported about thirty new varieties of fruit trees, and about the same number of forest trees, besides 200 varieties of tree seeds that they are endeavoring to propagate.

They have also introduced a number of varieties of fiber plants and grasses which have been planted in the nursery, and also distributed throughout the islands. We understand that they distributed from the nursery, throughout the islands last year, 14,500 trees and planted out and cultivated 27,500 forest trees.

The office work of the department undoubtedly takes up most of Mr. Marsden's time. He has a large correspondence with other countries relative to trees, shrubs, plants and grasses it may be of benefit to introduce here. He is also constantly called upon to reply to letters from abroad, relative to the agricultural products of this country, by parties who contemplate coming here to reside.

But the most important work of this department in connection with Professor Koebele, is and has been the study of the insect pests and blights of this country, and of the lady bug and parasites that will feed upon and destroy these pests, and also the introduction, the colonizing and distribution of these lady bugs throughout the islands.

Professor Koebele, an entomologist of recognized ability, has for twenty years more been thoroughly practical use of his knowledge of entomology in his study of insect kingdom who feed upon and destroy these pests, and your committee feels that this Government is fortunate in having secured his valuable services.

He informs us that there are about 1600 varieties of lady bugs that are known. Of this number 200 varieties are injurious to vegetation—it is therefore absolutely necessary that a thorough entomologist should superintend this work, or varieties of lady bugs might be introduced that would be more harmful to our agricultural products than the pests we now have.

When Professor Koebele was first employed by this Government he made a careful study of the pests of this country. Since then he has spent most of his time in Australia, Ceylon, Japan and China, studying the pests of those countries and the bugs that destroy them.

From these countries he has sent here 250 varieties of lady bugs in large quantities, all of which feed upon and destroy the forty or more kinds of insect pests we have in this country.

The results, as we all know, are very gratifying and satisfactory—the blights here that threatened to ruin the coffee industry, that attacked the orange and other classes of fruit and ornamental trees, also sugar cane, are being gradually cleaned out.

In carrying on this work Professor Koebele acknowledged with pleasure the valuable assistance that Mr. Marsden, who takes a live interest in the work, renders him at this end of the line.

The proposition is that the Professor should now visit Mexico and the Central American States with a view to obtaining toads and bats or insects to clean out the beetles and worms so damaging to cane fields and pastures and vegetation generally.

Your committee heartily approves of the passage of the items for this important branch of the Government,

as given in the Appropriation Bill, with the exception that the item, "Forester, Makiki" be increased from \$1800 to \$2040. This is recommended by Mr. Marsden.

We would state that one-half of the amount Professor Koebele receives for salary and expenses is paid by the Planters Association.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed,) H. P. BALDWIN,
W. Y. HORNER,
H. W. SCHMIDT

This report was tabled to be taken up with the bill.

Senator McCandless of the committee on military gave a report recommending the passage of the military item in the appropriation. The committee found, "That for the last six months of last year, there was expended under this head a monthly amount of \$6,581, while the amount asked for this period is \$136,000, or a monthly average of \$5,666, showing a reduction of \$915 per month." This report was also accepted to be taken up with the bill.

Senator McCandless also reported as follows from the special committee appointed to consider the pension for Kaula:

"On investigation your committee is satisfied that Kaula not only would not consent to be a partisan to any scheme for overthrowing the present Government, but that she accepts the situation and is friendly to the Government."

"We therefore recommend that the item be inserted in the Appropriation Bill as recommended." The members of the committee were Senators McCandless, Baldwin and Lyman. The report will be considered with the bill.

The Appropriation Bill was to come up under the regular order of the day, but on motion of Senator Baldwin the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late John T. Waterhouse.

House of Representatives.

Speaker Naone announced the receipt from the Senate of a communication transmitting the official copy of Senate Bill No. 7, "An Act to appropriate money from the public treasury for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the session of the Legislature of the year 1896."

Rep. Kamaooha moved that the communication be accepted and made the order of the day. Carried.

Through its chairman, Rep. Ryeroft, the Committee on Public Lands announced that it had had the petition praying for a road from Kaula to Haena, on Kauai, under consideration, and begged to recommend an appropriation for such purpose; also, that the petition be laid on the table to be considered together with the appropriation bill.

An Act to amend an Act relating to laundries and wash-houses, as introduced by Attorney-General Smith, passed its second reading unanimously.

First reading of Senate Bill No. 7, authorizing the expense of the Legislature of 1896, passed. Read a second time by title. Third reading set for Wednesday.

Rep. Robertson moved that House Bill No. 3 be taken up in second reading. Carried.

Rep. Robertson said he understood the Government was building wash-houses at Waila in order to prevent washing in Nuuanu stream. These did not seem to be large enough to accommodate more than half the laundries in town. What would become of the remainder who could not get accommodations? They would all be liable to a fine of \$50. It would not be justice to the laundries to be fined for washing in their own houses when they could not get accommodation in those of the Government.

There should be a saving clause in the bill. Moved the bill be referred to the committee on public health.

Attorney-General Smith said that a house had been built sufficient to accommodate one half of the laundries. At the present time accommodations were being erected for half the remaining number. That work would exhaust the appropriation. The remainder would be built upon the receipt of a new appropriation. Those laundries who were shut out on account of lack of accommodation would not be prosecuted by the Government since the shortcoming rested on its side.

The new building when all completed will have forty rooms and will be larger than the old one.

Attorney-General Smith said that every institution under the Government should be inspected by a committee from the Legislature. The more light shed on such places the better they could be made.

Rep. Hanuna objected to the clause "shall be liable to a fine of \$50 for each and every day or part of day during which he shall so carry on such business." It seemed to him that if a man washed for six days outside of the Government wash houses he would be liable to a fine of \$300.

Attorney-General Smith moved that the words "not to exceed" be put in place of the word "of" before "fifty dollars."

Motion carried. Bill to be read a third time Wednesday.

At the conclusion of the proceedings of the morning, Attorney-General Smith expressed the deep regret of the Board of Health and the Government over the death of John T. Waterhouse, who was a member of the former body for a long time and who, as such, rendered able and most faithful services to the people. His public spirit in the interests of health had made his name beloved and his wishes respected. The members of the House would fittingly mark their respect for the long term of public service by Mr. Waterhouse by attending the funeral.

Speaker Naone, in referring to the matter for the House, said that he had never known Mr. Waterhouse very well, having been better acquainted with his brother Henry. Mr. Waterhouse had been a good friend to the Hawaiian people, and he hoped that the members of the House would attend the funeral.

Rep. Kaeo was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week in order to attend court on Kauai.

House adjourned at 11 a. m.

Repairs are being made on Kawaiahaeo school, necessitating a suspension of school duties for the space of a week.

IN THE LAND OF COFFEE.

A Visit to Olaa and Surrounding Districts.

Increased Planting Operations—Scenes Along the Hamakua Coast. Appraisers Wanted.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, (Olaa), Feb. 26.

On the evening of the 21st we left Honolulu on the Kinau. There was a goodly number of us. Several of the "Cook" excursionists, General Warfield, Mr. Wight, Dr. and Mrs. Munn, Mr. Gallagher, Dr. Grossman, Mr. Peck and a host of others, some sixty in all being aboard.

We had lovely weather, the sea had scarce a ruffle, yet some succumbed to the action of the steamer and were sick.

In the morning we landed some Holstein bulls. They were sorry looking animals, struggling in the water, looking more like drowned rats than cattle.

We all went ashore at Hamakua, visited the store, post office, custom house, etc., asked innumerable questions. Saw the train pull out loaded with a mixed cargo of freight.

Leaving this place we see some cane fields and enjoy a number of picturesque sights as we steam along the coast.

We arrived at Hilo about 10 p. m. are billeted around town, taxing the accommodations of Hilo to the utmost.

Before leaving Hilo for Olaa we take in the town. It is a beautiful situation for a town, some day in the future it will rival Honolulu.

At 8 a. m. we are starting for Olaa, at least I am, the rest are going to the volcano. Dr. and Mrs. Munn start on their wheels. Mrs. Munn leaves the doctor at the 12-mile post going on to the Mountain View House, where they both take a conveyance.

The road is one of the best mountain roads I ever traveled over. I have visited several of the plantations in this district, among them the one owned by Drs. Nichols and Whitney. They have some 30 acres in coffee and some of the finest trees in the district. After spending three days here, we say "a hundred days of Honolulu for one night in Olaa."

Mr. Miller, the manager has already detected several kinds of blight here. He will instruct the superintendents on each plantation in pruning and the care of coffee trees, at the same time, be on the look out for blight. Taking immediate steps wherever he finds any to eradicate it. The planters show admirable forethought in having a man of Mr. Miller's experience at this early stage. They will thereby keep the district free of all pests.

Dr. Nichols will let a contract for 20 more acres, Dr. Grossman one for 50 acres and Mr. Peck one for 150. Besides a great many others who are putting in new land. In a future article I will write more of the success, culture, etc., of coffee in this district, giving the cost of starting and maintaining a plantation.

A gentleman with money to invest in Government coffee lands was in this district yesterday. He told me that he could not get any land at present as the Government could not afford to put an appraiser on to value the land. This seems lamentable, to see desirable parties go away that might take up land and improve it.

Aloha Bennington.

The U. S. S. Bennington, after a long stay at this port, will leave for San Francisco today, and with the sincere regret of all the Honolulu people who were acquainted with the captain and officers of that man-of-war, who, during their stay at this port learned the ways of the people and made themselves one with them.

It has been a very long time since a set of officers so well liked has put in an appearance here, and it is hoped that this will not be their last visit to Honolulu.

While here, business as well as society people profited by their presence.

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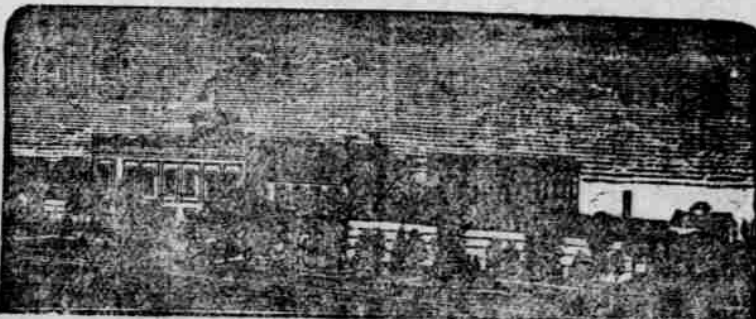
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